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In the application of DONALD R. RUSSELL, and **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** JOSEPH J. KALWARA I hereby certify that this correspondence was deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in MAY 1 8 2000 an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on May // , 2000. Serial No. 09/505,0 Filed February 16, 200 SELF-ADHERING WALKWAY PADS FOR ROOFING MEMBRANES AND METHOD FOR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO ROOFS **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 encouraging the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants submit this paper to introduce art that they wish to have the Examiner consider, or to introduce art in compliance with their duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

The Applicants wish to introduce the art that has been listed on the attached modified PTO Forms 1449. This includes 19 U.S. patents and six Other Documents.

Copies of some or all of the foregoing references have not been included because these references were cited by the Applicant or by the Patent Office in a prior application that the subject application relies on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (d). Specifically, the subject application is a divisional application that gains priority from U.S. Patent Serial No. 09/039,849, and therefore the Applicants assume that the Examiner will consider the information

cited or submitted to the Office in that parent application, as well as any references that may have been located by the previous Examiner during prosecution of that parent application. T.M.E.P. § 609.Should the Office desire a copy of any of these references, the Applicants will provide the Office with a copy.

No representation is made that a specific search has been made by the Applicants, that the information is material to the claimed subject matter, that the information is non-cumulative, or that the information represents the only or the best information. The Applicants do not admit that any of the information they have provided is necessarily prior to their invention but rather that it is information known of at this time. Any question that may arise regarding priority of a specific reference will be resolved during prosecution.

Based upon the differences between the Applicant's invention as compared to the teachings and disclosures of the art provided, it is the Applicant' belief that their invention is neither anticipated nor suggested by these references. In the event further clarification of the art may be deemed necessary, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call from the Examiner. Should the Examiner hold a contrary opinion regarding relevance of any of the patents discussed herein, it will readily be reconsidered in light of any rejection that may be made.

Applicants respectfully request that the information cited be made of record in the subject case.

## IDENTIFICATION OF TIME OF FILING THE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is due with this filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).

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TRANSMITTAL SHEET	
Enclosed are the following documents:	RECEIVED  RECEIVED  RECEIVED

Information Disclosure Statement (w/attached Certificate of Mailing) Form PTO-1449 (one sheet) Three U.S. Patents Six Other Documents

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